

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and Councilwoman Askren attending. Councilman Angel was not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Comm. Gray; Vicki Cannato; Art Simmons; Anthony Stallings; William Denning; David Mastison; Mike Denning; Officers Collins and Bohleber; Barb Hendricks; Supt. Givens; and arriving during the meeting, Joe Dickman; Shawn Duckworth; David Emery; and Don Jackson - Moore & Associates, Inc.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Sewage \$20,052.42

Payroll 116,553.10

General, MVHF, Insurance, Pol. Pension, 101,868.05

Fire Pension

Mayor Knowles stated before they continue with department head reports, they will have the swearing in ceremony of the two new police officers and the new firefighter.

New Police Officers Anthony Stallings and William Denning, along with the new firefighter David Mastison approached the front of the Meeting Room and were administered the Oath of Office by Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

The three were then congratulated by the Board members, department heads, and audience and then they and their family members left the meeting, along with Officers Collins and Bohleber and Barb Hendricks.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like approval to pay the two new hires an advance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter clothing allowance.

Councilwoman Askren moved permission for the advance be given. Seconded by Mayor

Knowles, who then reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Joe Dickman arrived at the meeting.

Comm. Gray reported the department is getting ready for the city wide clean up week which will be the second week of May, capped off on Saturday with Tire Amnesty Day in conjunction with the Posey County Solid Waste Management District. He then stated the department has also been working on some catch basins and storm sewers, along with areas in town where water stands on the streets.

Mayor Knowles stated she would like to commend Comm. Gray for a great job done on a catch basin at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mulberry, the new design looks very nice. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mr. Dickman stated the sewer department has had to add polymer this week to combat a bacteria problem. He stated the problem is not that unusual and was most likely caused by the rain, the polymer seems to be doing the job, but it may not. He cautioned the Board they may need to look into purchasing a chlorinator, which could run between \$500 and \$1,500, but right now, the polymer seems to be doing the trick.

Supt. Givens stated if the polymer they are adding seems to not be able to combat the bacteria, would he be able to go ahead and purchase the chlorinator, possibly before the next meeting ?

Mayor Knowles moved that Supt. Givens be given permission to purchase the chlorinator, if need be, before the next meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles stated she had a call right before the meeting from Jere Hershey, who lives on the north side of Canal near Hedges Elementary. She continued by stating he has either a glass or ceramic sewer line that tends to get clogged from time to time. She added Mr. Hershey has talked with Supt. Waller about it in the past, and she believes he indicated they may need to replace that line. However, she added, she does know that some work on Canal is included in the CSO plan, but she is not sure which end of Canal it involved.

Supt. Givens stated he will check with Supt. Waller and then wondered if the line in question is a lateral or a trunk line ?

Mayor Knowles replied that she is pretty sure it is a trunk line, since the City does not work on the laterals. She added she "assumes" it is a trunk line, she is not sure. She then stated Supt. Givens may also get in touch with Bernardin Lochmueller who put together the CSO

plan.

Supt. Givens agreed and added he had always spoken with Len Ashak in the past.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber stated he would like Board approval to purchase six medical bags - putting one in the chief's car and one in the medical trainer's vehicle. He added the others would be distributed. He then stated they are fully loaded bags and would cost around \$1,234.94.

Shawn Duckworth and David Emery arrived at the meeting.

Chief Webber continued by stating he did try to get three quotes on the bags, and the highest quote he received was for over \$4,000.00.; and one firm did not bid. He added Gall's was the lowest.

Mayor Knowles moved permission be given to purchase the medical bags. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Chief Webber the reported he would like permission to send a couple of the guys to a CEVO class, which is a class on emergency vehicle operation. He stated he advises them on how to drive safely in traffic, without endangering others; blind spots; and how to arrive and depart scenes safely. He added he believes it may even help lower their insurance premiums. He stated the cost of the class is \$509.00 for two and he feels they could learn something from it and it would money well spent.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added she commends Chief Webber on taking a proactive approach, instead of reactive. She then moved permission to attend the training, one overnight, and use of credit card be givens. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Chief Webber continued his report by stating he would like Board permission to allow Tony Stallings to purchase his firefighter badge. He stated he quoted Mr. Stallings \$42.00, the cost to replace the badge. He then added he has no problem with the request.

Chief Beloit stated John Tucker would like to purchase his as well, he may be interested.

Mayor Knowles stated she believes the Police Department badges are numbered, but the Fire Department badges are not.

Chiefs Webber and Beloit agreed.

Mayor Knowles moved permission for Mr. Stallings and Mr. Tucker to purchase their badges

be given. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Chief Webber concluded his report by stating he has loaned Point Township Volunteer Fire Department six of their old air packs. He stated Point currently has only three, and they are a firefighter's lifeline, very important. He would like permission to give Point Township the air packs, they are the poorest department in the county.

Councilwoman Askren moved permission to give the old air packs to Point Township be given. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then reported the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles reported talking with Attorney Funkhouser who indicated that according to Indiana Code, the Board of Works needs to confirm, or approve formally, the departments heads that she has appointed.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Board accept the appointment of all current department heads. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening the bids received for the fire department new vehicle.

Chief Webber indicated he may have to end up leasing the vehicle as he only has \$5,500 to put down right now. He added the purpose of the new vehicle is to pull the fire house.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added only one bid was picked up and turned it, that of Expressway Auto World. She then read the bid as follows:

2005 HD Chevrolet Silverado, Crew Cab LS

List price 45,578.00

Selling price 34,083.33

Document fee 69.00

2005 HD Chevrolet Silverado, Crew Cab Base

List price 43,242.00

Selling price 32,016.45

Document fee 69.00

Councilwoman Askren moved Board acknowledge receipt of the bids, and that they be given to Attorney Funkhouser for legal review. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is clarification on the Vicki Rueger sewer issue discussed at the last meeting. She added she feels this should be tabled until Councilman Angel can be present, as he had discussions after the meeting with Ms. Rueger.

Councilwoman Askren agreed.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mr. Simmons stated he lives on Western Hills Drive, in a home that was built 16 months ago, complete with a new septic system. He added he is totally against a new line being installed and his having to tap that new line. He continued by stating Ms. Rueger should take care of that herself, and therefore, she should bear the brunt of that cost, if that is what she is wanting.

Mayor Knowles replied that she indicated to the Board members at the last meeting that this very thing could and would occur - people that have good functioning septic systems will not want to hop on a new line.

Councilwoman Askren stated she thought this was no longer an issue, that Ms. Rueger decided to replace her septic.

Mayor Knowles agreed but added that Councilman Angel was the one speaking with Ms. Rueger after the last meeting when that decision was made, and he should be here in person to update the Board on Ms. Rueger's wishes. She then added she could foresee a potential issue with this when it first came up - people that live out there and have septic systems are all on a different scale of the ages of the systems, etc., and unfortunately, they can not please everyone. She added right now, it is looking like a dead issue.

The Board agreed to table the clarification until the next meeting when Councilman Angel can be present.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, Ms. Cannato has a request.

Ms. Cannato stated she would like permission to attend the Indiana Mayor's Assistants Annual Conference, at a cost of \$95.00, on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with an overnight.

Councilwoman Askren moved permission to attend and use the credit card be given. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mayor Knowles stated directly before the meeting, she was again asked about the fire plugs at the jail. She stated she guesses she must be confused because the county keeps saying they are the city's problem, but they are not listed on the city's inventory anywhere. She added that former Chief Duckworth checked those plugs out of the goodness of his heart after the fire at the Vanderburgh County Jail, but she again does not believe they are the city's plugs. She added she has told the county they may be listed on the original building plans of the jail.

Chief Webber stated he has opened the hydrants before for them, but they wanted some testing, etc, done on their sprinkler system and he informed them that he was not able to do that.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels that the city should not have to bear the cost of all the plugs in town, she feels that everyone should, after all, everyone benefits from their use. She added she can call the water department and check to see if the ones the city pays for are all listed somewhere to see if those in question are on that list. She added she can not believe they are discussing this again, they just discussed it a year ago. She stated the county feels they are the city's responsibility and that city is just not fixing them.

Chief Webber stated if they are the city's they will fix them and make it right. He added he thinks those plugs are even a good distance off the road, another indication they may not be the city's.

Mayor Knowles added regardless, many times plugs are included in plans and designs on apartments, etc., they may be listed on the blueprints.

Chief Webber again stated if they are the city's they will make it right.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

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